Wherein the Oriental Excels the Western Billy and Tommy, a True Story About Lafeadio Hearn has probably done more than any other man to make the western world acquainted with the real life of Japan. The story of this man's telling some entertaining true stories about town to a reporter a few days life, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, about pets and among them is an acis one of the strangest ever recorded.

His mother was a Creek, his father an matic conditions would be more to his lar, and you will not think him a very liking. He settled in Japan, married a remarkable pet after all if I only tell Japanese wife, took a Japanese name, embraced the Japanese faith and became Did you ever try taming a canary by He is now a professor in the university by passing your finger up and down beat Tokyo. He is afflicted with an affect fore him very slowly? At first you will tion of the eyes which makes it impos- find that the motion of your hand will ets. A story is told that he did his first either try to get away from you by flywork on an American newspaper in Cincinnati. It is said that he applied for work one night and was refused.

It is said that he applied will peck at you quite sharply with his beak. After many trials I got Billy to to any of these tonight. I want some-

Some time later, so the story goes, He would fly about the room and let mo the editor went into the room where catch him again by just slipping my Hearn was writing and found him finger under his claws. stretched at length on a table with a for him to write in that position. The other when she told min to, and seditor picked up several of the sheets and him hold a tiny basket in his other picked up several of the sheets and him hold a tiny basket in his of the sheets of the sh

Hearn's story is known as "The Gas- would jump both birds very quickly house Murder" and is regarded as a re- and all in a flutter portorial classic. It secured for him a After the tricks were played and best friends. We both knew her to be a permanent position and opened the door Tommy and Billy had been returned stickler as to the proper sort of food for

different story and relates it after this plumage and get themselves all in prop-

why Hearn determined to live in Ja- feathers mussed. pan?' asked the professor. 'After he left New Orleans he went to Cincinnati, where he did newspaper work. He soon suffered terribly from an enlarged and projecting eye that disfigured him and made him grotesque. He was stared at last so fat that when the dinner bell at, he was mocked and insulted, and, rang he would sit on the top step of what was even worse, he was pitied the staircase and whine piteously till openly. A sensitive man, he kept the house during the day and took exercise him and carried him down. Just at only at night. Occasion called him to this time a puppy Newfoundland was Japan. To his amazement, in that country nobody, not even a humorous boy, chagrin of the old terrier, who would showed by sign or word that the stran- not make friends with the newcomer. ger was disfigured or set apart in tavers, street, shop, field. Mr. Hearn was treated as though he were a normal being. Thankful and overcome, he said to him and in clumsy play upset him so ble."—Washington Star. himself, "Here is the land of true civ- completely that the fat old fellow rolled ilization, and here will I live and die." to the foot of the stairs, growling all wife, he is known by a Japanese name, and the last I heard from him he was several members of the family who had several members of the family who had close of the Century. He has taken to himself a Japanese the way and the last I heard from him he was professor of English in a Japanese unibut the pampered dog's behavior was great meteoric shower on the

improvement. I remember that I was one of the first to wear a helmet sun hat. Boys jeered, women giggled, old ceived. crusted Bostonians looked at me supercilionsly and suspiciously, expressmen and hackmen would often address mo are merchantmen. jocosely or coarsely from their vantage seat. I have sometimes thought that the | He kept the other ducks in dread They trem yearly execution on the Common of the conventionally rude would make much for civic civilization. But if this ceremean had been verformed 20 years are the town might have been depopulated.'"

the town might have been depopulated.'"

And instead of firing broadsides he cried.

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England's Future Coal Supply. "It may now be accepted as geologically certain that between Dover and With webset working quickly, he would over Bath there occurs a more or less inter-Eath there occurs a more or less inter-rupted trough of coal measures of 150 And in his hold the frog would soon be safely ing from two to four miles, measured from north to south." Dr. Hull bethat this trough is in
Then he would called positive tack.

While fainter from the distance came his "Quack quack quack?" miles in length and of a breadth varyterrupted by considerable flexures and pected to compensate for the possible And oft the pirate duck would rob his victims disturbances, and that it cannot be exexhaustion of the Lancashire and mid-Thus he ere long grew very fat, and that, of land areas. Nor, though he considers that it must extend under the channel The farmer gazed upon him with a calculating toward Dover, does he think that it could be worked under the sea to any extent with profit, as, except at an enormous depth, the difficulties of intruding water would be too great.

Taking each coalfield separately, Dr.
Hull discusses its probable lateral extrard baseball name on a southern trip in tension under overlying strata, and, on the spring of 1898 in order to give the the basis that about 4,000 feet represents the downward limit of practical working, he arrives at estimates in vantageous out of door practice at Camround numbers of the amount of coal bridge flarvard has never before serithat will be available at the end of the onsly contemplated such a trip Games century. The total for the United King- will be arranged with Georgetown, Unidom is 81,683,000,000 tons. As the output of coal for 1896 was over 195,000, Carolina and other southern colleges. 000 tons, on the extremely improbable assumption that the rate of production, which has more than doubled since 1860, will remain practically stationary, these figures of Dr. Hull would give a life of about 400 years to our coal mines. Within this period, then, an enormous readjustment of social conditions, and probably of commercial conditions, is bound to occur. - London Spectator.

Wayside Wells.

The caution uttered by Mr. C. F. Wingate, sanitary expert, against indiscriminate drinking from wayside wells by bicyclists or other travelers is cordin ter his age. Ef he's 9 years old, one that it will be well to heed. Mr. we rings her nine times; ef he's 20, little question that the Wingate affirms his positive knowledge—she rings 20, en so on, up ter 60. Den, safe.—New York World. of several cases of typhoid fever traced when a schelar gits up ter spell his lesto this cause. He points out the fact son, we rings his age for ter encourage that a well may be considered health- him, en of he donn make a miss we ful by those who habitually drink from rings her twice de number er his age it, and may in fact be so as far as they for ter celebrate him. Yes, sir, hit's one draft.-New York Post.

GOOD BREEDING IN JAPAN. A YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

Birds-An Affronted Dog-A Pirate Duck. A writer in The Examiner has been

His mother was a Creek, his father an Irish officer in the English army. He early had to shift for himself and eventually found his way to the United back. Of course you have guessed that "Well, you see, a person goes in for common sense after marriage, while before that eventful period everything is regulated according to the popular idea States. Here he was reduced almost to my two birds, Billy and Tommy, were of what is good form. My wife and I the condition of a tramp, although he canaries. Yes, they were canaries, and were speaking of it last evening. We was finely educated and a man of rare gifts. At length he secured employment trill and warble in a really wonderful performance I took her to a nearby cafe. in newspaper work, and then his rise to way for such a little bird. He always Establishing ourselves at a corner table an exalted place in literature was rapid.

A visit to the West Indies awakened in trying to talk. Then he would do the my wife and I each took up a bill of -we have only been married a yearhim the slumbering desire for a home best he could to drown our voices with fare and glanced down the long list of amid greater refinement and more assisting his, and sometimes we would have to glorious indigestibles. Separately we thetic influences than were to be found in America or Europe and where cliexclaimed, with the tone of confidence that denotes a brilliant idea:

A dog who had grown old and gray

A Pirate Duck.

With tadpoles it was just the same, with caddis

Harvard's Southern Trip.

when the weather does not permit ad-

The citizens of a Georgia town were

greatly annoyed by the incessant ring-

ing of the bell of a schoolhouse where

colored children were taught. A com-

mittee waited on the principal and en-

ed the spokesman of the committee.

er de school."
"Will you please explain?"

"Dat's what it is, sir," replied the

bled fore and aft

"'Jack, do you know what I want?" "'Not ice cream, I hope, or any ice "'No, indeed,' laughed my wife. Do Not Be Deceived an oriental in every respect save birth, feeding him with your own hand and cold drink, I replied, with a shiver. 'Guess again.' "'Well, let me see,' I ruminated. sible for him to turn them in their sock- make the bird very angry, and he will 'I have known you to do away with a good sized Newburg, a rabbit, an oyster

Just then a message came to the editor consent to eat bird seed from my hand, thing just warm and comfortablelike. to the effect that a murder had been discovered at the gas works. All the re-

A NOVEL SUPPER.

And They Never Could Have Had It Be

fore They Were Married.

one's point of view Lefore and after

marriage," observed a well known man

"There is a vast difference between

porters were out on assignments, and with his head, making a funny little to laugh. the editor turned to the uncouth appli- hissing sound with his bill. Next I cant and asked him to look into the matter and report. Hearn returned in the course of an hour or two and said take him out of his cage on my hand. the course of an hour or two and said take him out of his cage on my hand. The waiter looked surprised that a man had been murdered and his body had been thrown into one of the hogy was no longer afraid of me. Ho grew to know that when I came to trying to summon forth an excuse of furnaces. Hearn was commissioned to his cage he was going to have seed or dignity. Hot chocolate and buttered sugar or perhaps a piece of ripe fruit. | toast for two.'

late was steaming hot in a jolly little in need ofpot, and when I lifted the cover from Tommy was almost as tame as Billy. the hot silver platter there was the most tablet under his face on which he was writing, his affliction making it easier for him to write in that position. The other when she told him to, and she crispness enough to warm the cockles of

He was amazed at the literary quality and haid his hand approvingly on the writer's shoulder. A half savage growl they were dead and would lay them they were dead and would lay them a happy idea, Jack? Now we'll be as down on their backs very carefully and cozy as possible. But wouldn't some of was the response.

"Oh, that's all right!" said the edicover them with a handkerchief, then the girls laugh to see you treating me tor. "You may give us all that kind of we would count one, two, three and to such a supper as this? Glad nobody is snatch off the handkerchief and up here we know, glancing about.

"Just at that moment the door opened, and in walked one of my wife's to his future success.

The Boston Journal has a somewhat assure you, to put down their ruffled fastlike order would hardly be in her line for an after the theater supper. With the young lady was a young man fashion:

"They were talking at the Porphyry about Lafcadio Hearn's book, 'Gleanings In Buddha Fields.' 'Do you know they did not like to have their pretty ed of a long ancestry and a short cash account. However, in obedience to the laws of custom, the usual 'hot bird and cold bottle' were ordered, with the aft-

ermath of salad, ices and cordial.
"The Baltimore man had come over to see his fair friend, and he considered it the proper thing to give her a fine supper after the theater. Of course he agreed, upon seeing our repast, that our competitors, but they draw with marriage our tastes had deteriorat- us trade. ed, but I leave it with you as to which couple had the better time. No, sir, a man cannot afford the courage of his own convictions before marriage for fear | Main St. of what some girl may think of him. It takes married people to be independent and correspondingly happy and sensi-

SHOWER OF STARS.

"Such civilization,' said the tele- curious. Gathering himself together, he of Nov. 15, 1899. They calculate that All work first-class. Material Exchange phone expert, 'must be the result of refused to enter the dining room as the earth will then pass again through generations of training.' 'H-m,' and usual, but slowly toiled up stairs again the center of an immense swarm of meswered the professor. 'The rude Japa- and retired to the wicker basket where teoroids, as they are called before comnese were undoubtedly put to death he usually passed the night. Humble bustion. These great "leonide star years and years ago. I have seen much of their country, and never have I found there a boy who by lock or ges. The great shower of 1799 occurred on the great s ture would express surprise at any dress everything was refused, and he passed the Nov. 12; that of 1833 on Nov. 13; that Work done by day or contract or speech or habit that might seem to him outlandish. How different it is here in Boston! And yet there has been improvement. I represent the properties of the properties of

In the meanwhile, however, as the aggregation of meteoroids is of immense length, one end of it will encounter the earth in 1898 and the other in 1900, making, as Professor Lewis Swift, the And this one was a pirate, though hatched out distinguished astronomer of Rochester, says, considerable showers in those years. Professor Swift says, "The thickness of the earth through it, usually from mid-The merchantmen would find a frog, a cargo fine, I ween,
But ere it could be got abourd the pirate would formed by the comet's tail and that the immense shoul in one portion is the vinced of its superior quality. product of the exploded comet itself, through which we pass once every 33

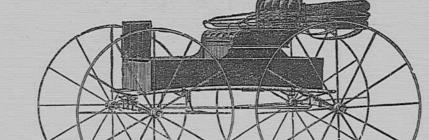
years and a day." The meteoroids are dark bodies, and it is only when they pass into the earth's atmosphere that they are ignited by friction and become visible for a few sec onds. The stream makes a revolution around the sun in about 331/4 years, and by consequence the earth passes through it in a new place each year. The length of the swarm is so enormous that, although at perihelion it moves at I. P. Justis & Co. the rate of nearly 25 miles a second, yet it takes it two years to pass the earth, so that when its hinder part is still with us its advancing side will have reached the crbits of Jupiter and Saturn. withstanding this extent it is but a fraction of the entire orbit. Professor Swift says, "This great cluster will reach the earth's orbit about June 1, 1899, but the earth will not have arrived there then, but will be due nearly six months | Fruits, Vegetables and Produce later, when our planet will plunge into the swarming mass and for at least five hours we shall experience a literal rain versity of Virginia, University of North of fire."-Ealtimore Sun.

Those Bevel Gear Patents. Quite a stir was caused by the annonncement that the patents under which the new bevel gear wheel is built were invalid and that several of the firms who purpose putting out "Is it absolutely necessary that you chainless wheels will not build them should ring that bell all day long?" ask- under royalty, but will fight the different patentees.

It seems, however, that this is not so. principal, "hit's one er de regulations W. A Reading, the treasurer of the cycle board of trade, said that the patents had been proved valid before they "Certainly, sir. You see, when a were purchased and that as a dozen or new pupil comes in we rings de bell ac- more of the largest firms were to manufacture on royalties there seemed to be little question that the patentees were

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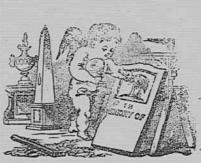
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